



ELTHAM
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PRIMARY SCHOOL
SINCE 1814

Newsletter #1

Week 1

Friday 8th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! If I haven't managed to speak to you on the playground at the start or end of the day – I hope you and your families had a wonderful Summer break. It appears the warmer weather didn't get the memo and has arrived upon our return to school!

I wanted to be able to communicate with you more so although this newsletter may not arrive to you every week, I hope it will give you much needed information more regularly than the half-termly update. The half-termly newsletter will still be published to give you a snapshot of all the fantastic learning that has been happening in the classes.

WELCOME! We have some new staff members to welcome to our amazing team. **Mrs Clare Masterson** has joined us as the new Nursery teacher. **Mr Nick Galley**, **Mrs Sarah Line** and **Mrs Alison Medd** also join the support staff team. Do introduce yourselves to them if you see them about.

Thank you! Thanks to you all for your cooperation and support when dropping off and picking up the children. Can I ask that you do not speak to the teachers whilst they are dismissing children. Children's safety is paramount and we obviously want to ensure every child finds their collecting adult as quickly as possible. Teachers will be available after the children have been dismissed for a brief chat or an appointment can be made via the school office for a longer meeting. Meet the Teacher is next week after school (Wednesday 13th September - please hang around after school and visit your child's classroom. The teacher will be doing a brief presentation about the year ahead (repeated 3:30pm and 4pm for parents/carers with siblings in school).

Parent/Carer Volunteers. Look out for a plea for parent/carers volunteers in the coming weeks. If you are available for an hour or two throughout the week, we are looking for volunteers to do various tasks with children across the curriculum. There will obviously be a brief meeting with a member of the team and some necessary safeguarding checks too.

Many thanks for your continued support – here's to another fantastic year!

Have a wonderful weekend in this glorious weather!

Very best wishes

Matt Wills

Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Meet the Teacher – Wednesday 13th September 3:30pm

Welcome Service (for Reception families) at St John the Baptist Church – Thursday 21st September 2pm

Harvest Services (for Years 1-6 families) at St John the Baptist Church – Friday 6th October 10am/2pm (class allocation to follow)

HALF TERM BREAK – Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October

Parents'/Carers/ open evenings – Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th November

Christmas services and performance dates to follow

Last day of the Autumn Term – Wednesday 20th December 2023

First day of the Spring Term 2024 – Monday 8th January 2024